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SUBJECT: EXPRESSEN INTERVIEW WITH WIDOW OF ARAGON

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- 1. AFTERNOON DAILY EXPRESSEN CARRIED INTERVIEW SEPTEMBER 6 WITH MRS. ROSE MARIE ARAGON, MADE BY THE PAPER'S NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT KURT KARLSSON. IN IT MRS. ARAGON INDICATES HER DETERMINATION TO CARRY ON HER HUSBAND'S ACTIVE OPPOSITION TO THE NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATIES AND THE TORRIJOS REGIME.
- 2. SHE IS QUOTED BY KARLSSON AS FOLLOWS: "I KNOW OF NO BETTER WAY TO HONOR MY HUSBAND'S MEMORY THAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROTESTS AGAINST THE DICTATORSHIP IN PANAMA (WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE) ON THE SAME DAY (THAT THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES WILL BE SIGNED) IN WASHINGTON." SHE CONTINUED, "I PLAN TO CONTINUE MY HUSBAND'S STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM FOR HIS HOME COUNTRY. I WAS BORN IN ARGENTINA AND I AM AN AMERICAN CITIZEN. I SHARE MY HUSBAND'S OPINIONS AND I HAVE PROMISED HIM TO CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE IN ALL POSSIBLE WAYS. I LEFT SWEDEN FOR THE US TO TRY UNCLASSIFIED

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TO GET MY HUSBAND'S MESSAGE ACROSS. HE WAS SUPPOSED TO FOLLOW ME BUT HE DID NOT GET A VISA. HE WILL NOT GET TO THE US EVEN NOW THAT HE IS DEAD. HIS ASHES WILL BE SENT TO VENEZUELA. I WILL GO THERE TO RECEIVE THEM. NOW THAT HE IS DEAD HE IS REACHING PEOPLE HE DID NOT HAVE A CHANCE TO REACH WHILE ALIVE. I HAVE CONTACTS WITH MASS MEDIA PEOPLE IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES,

AND I WILL TRY TO COORDINATE THE CONTINUED STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM FOR THE PANAMANIAN PEOPLE. I DO NOT KNOW WHERE I WILL LIVE IN THE FUTURE BUT I WILL NOT GO BACK TO SWEDEN. I AM NOT ALLOWED TO GO BACK TO PANAMA BUT I WISH TO LIVE ON THIS SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC IN ORDER TO BEST BE ABLE TO CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE."

3. THE EXPRESSEN ARTICLE NOTED THE IRONY IN THE FACT THAT ARAGON'S FUNERAL IN STOCKHOLM WILL TAKE PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 7, THE DAY THE TREATIES ARE SIGNED IN WASHINGTON. FURTHER IT REPORTED THAT ARAGON'S "LAST MESSAGE" TAPED IN SWEDEN LAST JUNE WAS BROADCAST OVER TWO US TV STATIONS DURING AN NBC TV INTERVIEW WITH MRS. ARAGON ON SEPTEMBER 5. PERRY

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